Romans 9:6-18
"Injustice on God's Part?"
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God's choice to make covenant (vv. 9-11)

- Key words in this passage: purpose (setting forth), election (choosing), call (bid, bring forth), hated (detested).
- God chose to make covenant wit Jacob not because of anything Jacob had done, but for God's own purposes.
- All of this is God's plan to fulfill purposes we haven't seen.

God's sovereignty is seen from Pharaoh to Jesus (vv. 12-18)

- God uses Pharaoh so that his (God's) power would be known as being greater throughout the entire world.
- The story of how God used Pharaoh convinced Rahab to aid the Hebrews against Jericho.
- God's sovereignty continues to be shown through the human ancestry of Jesus.

God's sovereignty does not take away our responsibility

- God is completely sovereign and yet has called us to partner with Him in accomplishing His purpose. He has given us a work to accomplish.

Kingdom-minded servants of Jesus recognize both the sovereignty of God and the responsibility of humans, and they live in submission to God's will..

Notes on Today's Message

Questions for Personal Study or Group Discussion

Open

- What is something about which your parents said, “you’ll understand when your older?”

Read

- Romans 9:6-18

Observe

- How does Paul maintain the justice of God in light of verses 11-13?

- How does God relate to us according to verses 14-16, on what basis does God relate to us?

- What would be just and fair for each of us to receive from God (see Rom. 3:9-20)?

- How might these verses help a non-Christians understand God’s justice and his mercy?

Apply

- What concerns you most about God’s plans? If you could ask Paul for clarification of these verses, what would you ask? Why?

- What do these verses say to our desire to control our own lives? What do they say to our pride?

- Where are you growing in your understanding of God’s will for your life? What would you like to ask God about this?

Prayer

- *Ask God* for deeper understanding of his sovereignty, his justice, and his plans for you.